NORTHWEST TERRITORIES ARTS

ARTISTS NEWSLINE

WINTER 2007

A GNWT Newsletter for the Northwest Territories Arts Community

Expression of the arts—a vital link to our culture and history

Northwest Territories

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Website

In celebration of it's 20th anniversary, the Great Northern Arts Festival, to take place in Inuvik, NT from July 11—20, 2008 has developed a beautiful new website and web address.

Visit, **www.gnaf.org** to learn more about the Festival, scheduled dates and events as well as how you can participate in the Festival as a volunteer, performer or demonstrating artist.

Klondike Institute of Art and Culture (KIAK)

The KIAC School of Visual Arts curriculum for the 2008 academic year includes an exciting new accredited Visual Arts Program which will provide students with the first year of a Bachelor of Fine Arts or a Bachelor of Arts in Design.

This innovative Program will provide students with an opportunity to gain new skills and explore both traditional and contemporary art practices and mediums (i.e. drawing, painting, sculpture, video, digital photography, and more) in a studio-based learning environment.

For more information please contact David Curtis, KIAK Senior Administrator by phone at: (867) 993-6390 or by email: info@kiacsovanull.ca

Northwest Territories (NWT) Arts Council Application Deadline

The Department of Education, Culture and Employment, in partnership with the NWT Arts Council would like to inform Northerners that the closing date for applications for NWT Arts Council Arts Funding is January 31, 2008.

Funding is available for artists and members of registered territorial organizations who are producing a specific artistic work, project or event in a recognized discipline.

For more information, or to request an application form, please phone: (867) 920-6370 or email: boris_atamanenko@gov.nt.ca

2008 City of Yellowknife Heritage Art Show

The City of Yellowknife Heritage Committee will sponsor an Art Show during the annual Heritage Week celebrations in February 2008. Artists are invited to make submissions of original art works relating to the heritage and history of Yellowknife.

Submissions must include a biography, address, phone number and email address with an accompanying photograph or conceptual description of the artwork proposed for display. Submissions will be accepted at the City of Yellowknife not later than **Friday, February 1, 2007 at 5:00 pm.**

For more information please contact: Catherine Pellerin at: (867) 920-2068.

Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage (BCAH)

The Department of Canadian Heritage has a new Program entitled, Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage (BCAH). The new BCAH Program will provide support for both local arts and heritage festivals that feature local artists' work or local heritage, and major historical anniversaries of local importance.

The BCAH program has two main components:

Component I – Local Arts and Heritage Festivals, which supports local community events and activities that feature the public presentation of local artists and/or of local heritage.

Component II: Community Historical Anniversaries Programming, which supports local community events and activities that commemorate the 100th or greater (in multiples of 25 years) anniversary of a local historically significant event or individual. It is important to note that only the first project proposal received from a community will be considered for any one historical commemoration.

Applications are now available for local arts and heritage festivals and community historical anniversaries occurring in winter 2008.

For a copy of the Program guide, application form and information about deadlines please visit the Canadian Heritage website: www.pch.gc.ca/progs/dcap-bcah/index_e.cfm.

Northwest Territories (NWT) Arts Branding Logo and Program

THE MARK OF AUTHENTICITY

The new Northwest Territories Arts Logo and Branding Program lets buyers know that the arts and fine crafts they are purchasing were created in the Northwest Territories.

Find out how you can use the NWT Arts mark to promote your product, service or performance. This Program is free and easy to obtain.

For more information please visit
www.nwtarts.com
email nwtarts@gov.nt.ca
or phone (867) 873-7227

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A branding logo to represent arts and fine craft products created and produced by artists in the NWT was created and introduced by the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment on August 22, 2007.

The new Logo and Branding Program lets buyers know that the arts and fine crafts they are purchasing were created in the NWT.

Look for advertisements like these in your local newspapers.

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When you see the NWT Arts™ mark on a product service or performance you can rely on its authenticity. This Government sponsored Program gives consumers confidence and supports our local artists in pursuing their art.

For more information visit: www.nwtarts.com

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Visit nwtarts.com to learn more about the NWT Arts industry, find an NWT artist and art retailer/organization directory, information on the types of funding, services and programs available to artists, announcements and more.

FEATURED ARTIST: PAT BRADEN, "A PLACE TO CALL HOME"

Pat Braden is from Yellowknife, NWT. He has been playing, and composing music and telling stories since 1977. He is a regular at many musical events across the North and Canada. He has played as a sideman for touring artists including: Doug Sahm, Big Miller Kiran Ahluwalia and Natalie McMaster. He has four CD releases including "Now and Then", which has developed into a solo performance, "A Place to Call Home", that incorporates the subtle textures and rich soundscapes of the Chapman Stick with the powerful narrative of his experience growing up, living and raising a family in Yellowknife.

Under the professional performing artist mentorship program of Northern Arts and Cultural Centre (NACC), Pat has attended performing arts showcases in BC, Alberta and Ottawa learning the ropes of promotion, agents and the soft seat venue market which has opened opportunities for Pat. To date, he has performed at the Yukon Arts Centre in Whitehorse, the Yellowknife and Fort Smith storytelling festivals, Harbour Front Centre for the Arts in Toronto and was broadcast by CBC radio 2 live, and a CBC Radio 1 profile on "Outfront". In the new year Pat will perform the debut of the complete show, "A Place to call Home" on January 26 at the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre in Yellowknife then go to Saint John , NB to perform at the Imperial Theatre with a side trip to the Riverview Arts Centre. He will also perform at his first official showcase at Pacific Contact in Vancouver at the end of March 2008.

"The north and northern issues are very much in the public eye in southern Canada and into the United States, as well with climate change, resource development and sovereignty among others. Southern presenters and audiences are hungry for a northern experience, an insight into not only the traditional but also the contemporary performing arts. I think there is a real opportunity for northern performance artists to present an enriching, cultural experience, to put a name and a face, a family and a community, a language and a music to the soundbites they receive on their daily TV news broadcasts to show the country and the world that though our population is small, there is a rich variety of unique peoples and cultures who call this land home."

To learn more about Pat please visit his artist profile on: www.nwtarts.com

We want to hear from you!

If you hear about any upcoming events or celebrations suited for this newsletter, or if you are a NWT artist who is interested in being showcased in our Featured Artist section:

Contact us at:

Ph: (867)873-7227 E-mail: nwtarts@gov.nt.ca or
Visit our website: www.nwtarts.com

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If you are an NWT artist interested in participating in this new online directory contact:

Coordinator, Arts and Fine Crafts at (867) 873-7227.

Visit the website or e-mail: nwtarts@gov.nt.ca

GNWT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

This newsletter is created by the Government of the Northwest Territories and is designed to help the NWT arts community stay up to date with the current "happenings" in the industry.

There are two GNWT Departments that have shared interests in supporting the arts – Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI) and Education Culture and Employment (ECE). ECE supports the creative aspects of the arts, while ITI's primary role is helping the business side of arts and fine crafts. At times, it is difficult to clearly distinguish these roles.

ECE's Role in Supporting NWT Arts

Since 1985, ECE has supported the NWT Arts Council as it strives to stimulate and promote northern art. The Council's role is to provide recommendations to the Minister of ECE regarding financial awards and workshops. If you would like to apply for funding, please consult the Arts Council website for an application at:

http://pwnhc.learnnet.nt.ca/artscouncil.htm

ECE also has a Support to Northern Performers' Program designed to aid in the development and promotion of performing arts and Artists in the NWT at local and regional public festivals and events.

Consult the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre website at: www.pwnhc.learnnet.nt.ca/programs/comm.htm

ITI's Role in Supporting NWT Arts

ITI recognizes the importance of tradition and the economic potential of the NWT arts and fine Crafts industry. ITI's support is provided through the Business Development Fund and Grants to Small Business program. ITI, through the new Branding Logo, also supports marketing and promotional efforts nationally and internationally by bringing awareness to the importance and value of traditional art and fine crafts in the NWT.

http://www.iti.gov.nt.ca/iea/artscrafts.htm

To find out about financial assistance...

Contact your regional office:

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Dehcho: (867) 695-7500	Dehcho: (867) 695-7338
South Slave: (867) 872-6430	South Slave: (867) 872-7425
North Slave: (867) 920-8967	North Slave: (867) 766-5100
Sahtu: (867) 587-2900	Sahtu: (867) 587-7112
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